



# Rec Complex Dedication Highlights Homecoming '86

The dedication of the NSU Recreation Complex in memory of Robert W. Wilson Sr., and the 75th anniversary of the Home Economics Department are highlights of Northwestern's '86 Homecoming celebration Nov. 6-9.

Wilson, who died March 5 at age 53, was the founding advisor to the Student Activities Board (formerly the Student Union Governing Board), which was the student organization that created the 76-acre facility for golf, swimming and tennis.

The \$1.4 million Recreation Complex, which officially opened in May of 1981, was originally conceived by the SAB's Research and Development Committee. Construction was funded through a self-assessed student fee and matching funds from the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Ribbon cutting and dedication ceremonies naming the facility the Robert W. Wilson Sr., Recreation Complex will be conducted Friday, Nov. 7. The ribbon cutting program is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the complex, and the dedication ceremony will be at 6 p.m. in the East Concourse of Prather Coliseum.

Participating in the ribbon cutting program and delivering the keynote address for the dedication ceremony will be Val Marmillion of Los Angeles, partner in the international public relations firm of Hunt-Marmillion Associates. Marmillion, who received a bachelor's degree in political science from NSU in 1972, was the Student Activities Board's first president, serving in 1970-71.

Also expected to return for the event is Shirley Dixon Breaux of Baton Rouge. She was chairman of the Research and Development Committee which conceived the complex project. Special invitations to attend the dedication are being extended to former NSU students who served on the SAB's executive committee during its founding year in 1970-71.

The Department of Home Economics' 75th anniversary observance will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 8, at a luncheon scheduled for noon in the Student Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$12 per person. A tour of the department will follow the luncheon.

Northwestern has offered a home economics program since 1911, and since its inception more than 1,494 undergraduate and graduate degrees have been granted to students.

Currently, home economics students at NSU have their choice of several concentrations to prepare them for professional careers — general home economics, consumer services, fashion, housing and interiors, early childhood education, hospitality and institutional services, vocational home economics education and home economics education.

Homecoming activities at Northwestern begin Thursday, Nov. 6, with a performance by the acappella group Regency at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall of (Please see Homecoming Page 2)



This is an aerial photo of Northwestern's Outdoor Recreation Complex which will be dedicated Friday, Nov. 7, in memory of Robert W. Wilson Sr., the founding advisor of the Student Activities Board (formerly the Student Union Governing Board). Dedication ceremonies highlight the Homecoming '86 program at Northwestern.

## Dr. Robert A. Alost, NSU's New President, Reorganizes University's Personnel Structure

Dr. Robert A. Alost, the former Northwestern dean, department head and faculty member who officially became NSU's 16th president in July, has reorganized the personnel structure of the university to streamline the administrative level, reduce overstaffing and bring personnel costs into line with revenues.

A teacher and administrator at Northwestern for 20 years before becoming director of the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts in Natchitoches in 1982, Alost was appointed in mid-June as president-elect of the university and became president July 1 upon the resignation of Dr. Joseph Orze.



DR. ROBERT A. ALOST  
The 16th NSU President

Alost, who was chosen from a field of eight candidates for the NSU presidency, received national acclaim in his position as director of the Louisiana School, the nation's first residential secondary institution for academically gifted and artistically talented students.

Before coordinating the establishment of the Louisiana School on the Northwestern campus, Alost, 51, had served for seven years as dean of the College of Education at NSU. Before that, he was chairman from 1968 until 1975 of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Northwestern.

Prior to joining the Northwestern faculty in 1963, Alost taught and coached at junior high and high schools in Alexandria and Baton Rouge. He served in the United States Army in 1958-59, advancing to artillery captain prior to discharge.

The new Northwestern president is a 1957 graduate of Northwestern. He earned his master's degree from NSU in 1958 and the doctorate from Louisiana State University in 1963.

In his first weeks as president, Alost trimmed personnel costs at Northwestern by nearly \$2 million. The personnel reductions were necessary because of budgetary difficulties in the 1985-86 fiscal year, anticipated mid-year budget cuts during the current fiscal year and the declaration of financial exigency at NSU by the Board of Trustees for Louisiana Colleges and Universities.

More than 50 of the university's 600 personnel positions were affected in the reorganization plan that included realignment, consolidation and elimination of positions. The number of vice-presidents was reduced from three to two, the number of deans from eight to three and department heads from 21 to 19.

Northwestern's new vice-presidents are Dr. Dale Thorn, vice-president of academic affairs, and Dr. James Haley, vice-president of university affairs. Thorn, who holds bachelor and master's degrees from Louisiana State University and a doctorate from Florida State University, served on the Board of Regents staff for 11 years before joining NSU. He had been associate commissioner of higher education since 1980.

Haley, superintendent of Beauregard Parish schools for six years before moving to Northwestern, earned bachelor, master's and doctorate degrees from Northwestern and served as an adjunct professor for the university's Fort Polk campus. He was a teacher and coach for 17 years in De Ridder, Winnfield and Baton Rouge before moving to the Beauregard Parish School Board office.

Jerry Pierce, assistant to the president for external affairs at Northwestern since 1982, was promoted to executive (Please see ALOST, Page 2)



By Dr. Robert A. Alost  
NSU President

Homecoming is always a special time at Northwestern. It provides an opportunity for hundreds of former students to come home to their Alma Mater, to reminisce about the "good ole days" at Normal and Northwestern and to renew and solidify long and cherished friendships.

It is also an opportunity to review and assess the progress that your university has made since you were here last. We think you will be proud of what is happening at a school that is now being called "the new Northwestern."

There is a new spirit of enthusiasm at Northwestern. Northwestern's problems have been widely-discussed, but its pride has not been tarnished. You will experience on your visit at Homecoming an atmosphere of optimism. That optimism has been created by positive, upbeat new programs in student life, improvements to campus facilities and exciting and challenging academic curricula.

I hope that you will take time at Homecoming to talk with some of our students and faculty and staff members. You will be impressed with their positive attitudes and their commitment to making Northwestern the kind of progressive, stimulating — yet friendly and charming — university that you remember it being.

Attitudes have indeed changed for the better at Northwestern. that is evident among our students, out

university personnel and the townspeople of Natchitoches. I am confident that alumni from other parts of the state and nation who return to the campus for Homecoming will also go away with a more positive and hopeful attitude about the future of their Alma Mater.

Many of you have asked what you could do to help. Attendance this year at Homecoming is paramount. We need to show everyone that Northwestern is alive and well. Please help your Alma Mater by being in attendance this year. Great things are being planned for you.

## 1986 NSU HOMECOMING AGENDA

<b>Thursday, November 6</b>		
7:00 p.m.	Regency-Acappella Group	Recital Hall
<b>Friday, November 7</b>		
11:00 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting Robert W. Wilson, Sr.	Recreation Complex
1:00 p.m.	Golf Tournament	NSU Recreation Complex
		Natchitoches Country Club
4:30 p.m.	Attitude Adjustment	Union Station
	and Entertainment	Student Union
5:30 p.m.	Pep Rally	Student Union
6:00 p.m.	Jambalaya Dinner	East Concourse, Prather Coliseum
	Dedication Ceremony-NSU Complex to Bob Wilson	
	Featuring NSU Jazz Ensemble	
		NSU Cheerleaders
		Student Union
<b>Saturday, November 9</b>		
6:30 a.m.	Bass Fishing Tournament	Downtown, Cane River Boat Launch
	(Weigh in at 1:00 p.m.)	
8:00 a.m.	NSU Foundation Board Meeting	Alumni Center
9:00 a.m.	NSU Alumni Board Meeting	Alumni Center
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bingo Brunch	Purple and White Room NSU Fieldhouse
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Alumni Registration	Alumni Center
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Cheerleader Reunion	"N" Club Room
12:00-2:00 p.m.	Home Economics Alumni Luncheon	Student Union Ballroom
	75th Anniversary	
Noon	"TNT" Tailgate "N" Turpin	Prather Coliseum Parking Lot
1:30 p.m.	"N" Club Registration	Purple and White Room, NSU Fieldhouse
1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Old Timers Band Reception	Band Room
2:00 p.m.	"N" Club Hall of Fame Induction	Purple and White Room, NSU Fieldhouse
2:00 p.m.	Phi Mu Alumni Picnic	Phi Mu House
	(Families are invited)	
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Lady of the Bracelet Reunion	Alumni Center
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Attitude Adjustment	Cane River Room
		Student Union
5:00 p.m.	Alumni Banquet	Student Union Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	NSU Demons vs. Nichols Colonels	Turpin Stadium
Halftime		Features: Performances by
		"Spirit of Northwestern" Marching Band,
		Presentation of Homecoming Court,
		Graduate "N" Club
		Hall of Fame Inductees
		Alumni Center
<b>Post-Game</b>		
	Open House	
<b>Sunday, November 9</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Phi Mu Alumni Brunch	Lasyone's
1:00-6:00 p.m.	Tennis Tournament	NSU Tennis Complex
	(Men and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles)	

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the A.A. Fredericks Creative and Performing Arts Center.

Activities for Friday, Nov. 7, include a golf tournament at 11 a.m. at the NSU Recreation Complex and Natchitoches Country Club, and a jambalaya dinner at 6 p.m. in the East Concourse of Prather Coliseum, an event featuring music by the NSU Jazz Ensemble.

Highlights for Saturday, Nov. 8 include a bass fishing tournament at 6:30 a.m. on Cane River, the annual Ladies Bingo Brunch at 10 a.m. in the Purple and White Room of the NSU Fieldhouse, alumni registration from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alumni and Faculty Center, the cheerleader reunion at 10:30 a.m. in Prather Coliseum, the

Old Timers Band reunion at 1:30 p.m. in the Band Room, the "N" Club Hall of Fame Induction ceremonies reunion at 2 p.m. in the NSU Fieldhouse, the Lady of the Bracelet reunion at 3 p.m. in the Alumni and Faculty Center, the alumni banquet at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom and the football game between NSU and Nichols State at 7 p.m. in Turpin Stadium.

At halftime of the Homecoming football game, featured will be performances by the "Spirit of Northwestern" Marching Band and Old Timers Band, presentation of the Homecoming Court and recognition of the "N" Club Hall of Fame inductees.

The Homecoming weekend closes on Sunday, Nov. 9, with a men's and

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tive assistant to the president, and Dr. Edward W. Graham has been promoted from Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to Dean of Instruction.

In addition, Dr. Mildred Bailey was reappointed Dean of Graduate Studies and Research with the additional duties of institutional research, and Dr. Roger W. Best will continue to serve as Dean and Provost of the university's Fort Polk campus and will also

Northwestern State University president Dr. Robert Alost has announced the appointment of 19 academic department chairmen for 1986-87.

The number of department heads for the current academic year at Northwestern has been reduced by two to help streamline the university's administrative structure.

To accomplish the staff reduction, Alost combined the Department of Music and the Department of Theatre, Dance and Speech Communications to form the new Department of Music and Theatre Arts. In the Nursing Education Center, he created the Department of Undergraduate Studies by merging the associate degree and baccalaureate degree departments.

Of the 19 academic department chairmen appointed by Alost, six are new in the administrative positions. Thirteen were reappointed as department heads. All six new department chairmen have previous teaching experience at Northwestern.

The new academic department heads are William E. Brent, Department of Music and Theatre Arts; Dr. Thomas W. Griffith, Department of Chemistry, Physics and Geology; Dr. Walter Creighton, Department of Accounting and Computer Information Systems; Dr. Sam A. Misuraca, Department of Agriculture and Animal Sciences; Rivers C. Murphy, Department of Art; and Maxine R. Johnson, Department of Undergraduate Studies in Nursing. Also, Dr. Arlene Airhart was named director of Nursing Education for the Nursing Education Center in Shreveport.

Reappointed as department heads were Dr. Thomas Burns, Biology and Microbiology; Dr. Eugene Williams, Business; Dr. Dan Carr, Education; Dr. Gordon Coker, Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Dr. Maxine Taylor, History, Social Sciences and Social Work; Dr. Virginia Crossno, Home Economics; Dr. Hurst Hall, Human Services; Dr. Bill Shaw, Industrial Technology; Dr. James Bartholomew, Language Arts; Dr. Austin L. Temple, Mathematics; Dr. Patricia Moxley, Graduate Studies in Nursing; Dr. Donald Gates, Psychology, and Lt. Col. Alfred G. Villavaso, Military Science.

women's doubles and mixed doubles tennis tournament at 1 p.m. at the NSU Tennis Complex.

For further information on the Homecoming '86 celebration, call (318) 357-4414 or write Homecoming '86, Office of External Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. 71497.

coordinate the university's continuing education program.

Fred Fulton, assistant superintendent of Beauregard Parish schools for several years, has been appointed coordinator of student life at Northwestern.

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## NSU CHEERLEADER REUNION FORM

The annual Cheerleader Reunion will be held on Saturday, November 8, 1986, at the "N" Club Room, Prather Coliseum, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Conversation and refreshments.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I plan to attend the NSU Cheerleader Reunion.  
☐ I will be unable to attend the NSU Cheerleader Reunion.

Return to: NSU Cheerleader Reunion  
 Office of External Affairs  
 Northwestern State University  
 Natchitoches, La. 71497  
 (318) 357-4414

## Old Timers Band Reunion Form

NSU Band Alumni are busy organizing the records of former band members. If you have ever been a member of the NSU Demon Marching and/or Concert Band(s) please fill out the following form and mail to the NSU Music Dept.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. Years in Band \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Band Member? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

The Alumni Band is looking for members to be a part of the "Old Timers Band" for Homecoming '86. Two groups of participants are planned for the Homecoming Game November 8, 1986. The first group would bring their horns and play during the game but, the second group would sit with those playing to be recognized during the game. Organizers hope to have close to 100 "Old Timers" to participate in the Homecoming events. If you would like to be a part of the "Spirit of Northwestern" report to the Music building at 4:30 p.m. on November 8, 1986 ready to cheer the Demons on to victory.

## LADY OF THE BRACELET REUNION FORM

The second annual Lady of the Bracelet Reunion will be held on Saturday, November 8, 1986, from 3:00-4:00 p.m., at the Alumni Center. Last year's reunion was such a success with so many of you returning to visit. Maybe this year will be even better. Do try to come and renew acquaintances and make new friends. Check the agenda in this issue of the Columns for other events you will want to be a part of. See you on November 8!

☐ I plan to attend the Lady of the Bracelet Reunion.  
☐ I cannot attend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Lady of the Bracelet Reunion  
 Office of External Affairs  
 Northwestern State University  
 Natchitoches, LA 71497

## Homecoming Golf Tournament Entry Form

All entries must be received by the Office of External Affairs no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 5, 1986. Sponsored by the NSU Alumni Association and Shreveport Budweiser Distributors, play begins at 1:00 p.m., Friday, November 7, at the NSU Recreation Complex and the Natchitoches Country Club. This is a best-ball scramble with shotgun start for six-member groups composed of two three-man teams. Entry fee does not include rental of limited golf carts. First, second and third-place trophies will be given at both sites. Entry fee includes Friday night dinner.

☐ I plan to play in the tournament  
 Entry fee of \$20.00 is enclosed  
 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I plan to attend the Jambalaya  
 Dinner (Spouse, children and additional guests will be \$5.00 per person.)  
 No. of guests \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Tournament directors are Loran Lindsey (318) 357-5581 and Camille Hawthorne (318) 357-6511

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Office of External Affairs Golf Tournament  
 Northwestern State University  
 Natchitoches, LA 71497

## HOMECOMING BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

The annual Homecoming Bass Fishing Tournament sponsored by the NSU Alumni Association and Shreveport Budweiser Distributors, Inc., will begin at 6:30 a.m., Saturday, November 8, 1986, at the downtown boat launch on Cane River. Weigh-in will be at 1:00 p.m. and prizes will be awarded for the largest bass and for first, second, and third places, based on total weight. There will be a 16 fish limit per boat and the fish must be a minimum of 10 inches long. The entry fee is \$7.00 per fisherman, and entrants will select their own partner.

Please enter me in the Homecoming Bass Fishing Tournament. My partner will be \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Fishing Tournament  
 Office of External Affairs  
 Northwestern State University  
 Natchitoches, LA 71497  
 (318) 357-4414

## LADIES BINGO BRUNCH ENTRY FORM

The annual Ladies Bingo Brunch will be held Saturday, November 8, 1986, at the Purple and White Room, at the Northwestern Fieldhouse. Brunch will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the first game of bingo being called at 10:30 a.m. There will be 10 games of bingo played for an estimated retail value of \$2,000 in prizes donated by Natchitoches merchants. The \$10 entry fee includes the brunch and beverages while you participate in this popular Homecoming event. Tickets are limited to 125 participants and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis, so do not delay in making reservations.

Please reserve me a card in the annual Ladies Bingo Brunch  
 Entry fee of \$10.00 is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Ladies Bingo Brunch  
 Office of External Affairs  
 Northwestern State University  
 Natchitoches, LA 71497  
 (318) 357-4414

## Dr. Sarah L.C. Clapp, NSU Professor Emeritus, Dies Sept. 21

Memorial services for Northwestern State University professor emeritus Dr. Sarah L.C. Clapp, 92, of Natchitoches were held Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the chapel of Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home in Natchitoches.

The Rev. Fred Norris of the First Presbyterian Church of Natchitoches officiated the memorial services. Entombment was in Restland Abbey in

Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Clapp, who was a highly distinguished member of the NSU English faculty from 1931 to 1961, died Sunday, Sept. 21, in the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Long-Term Care Unit following a lengthy illness.

Dr. Clapp was a graduate of the University of Texas, earning the bachelor's degree in 1917, the master's degree in

1918 and the doctorate in 1930.

She was an associate professor of English at Northwestern from 1931 to 1942 and served as professor from 1942 until her retirement in 1961.

Dr. Clapp, who was awarded the title of professor emeritus at Northwestern in 1982, was an active researcher for many years, conducting much of her work in the rare book collection

at the University of Texas and the British Museum in London.

Her areas of greatest interest were the history of book publishing in Britain and British publishing in the 18th century. Dr. Clapp's findings were published in such journals as *Modern Philology* and some are cited in the *Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature*.



## Message From The Alumni Coordinator

By Elise James

New beginnings are a wonderful part of life. Dr. Robert Alost, our new president, is a new life for this grand institution. Under his leadership and guidance this school of higher learning, that you remember so well, will thrive and prosper.

Please show your confidence in him and support by attending Homecoming 1986. This year it will be celebrated on November 8. A weekend of activities have been planned, please become a part of all of them.

Alumni Association across this state

and in Texas are coming together to stand behind our new administration. Find out if your area has a Northwestern Alumni Chapter and get involved.

With the beginning of school this fall, as students came on campus, they found clean dorms, clean cafeteria, grounds were clipped and neat. Student life on campus will be a priority.

Visit us often, but especially at Homecoming 1986, let yourself go and relive your "days on the hill" and marvel at the bright and promising future that Northwestern has.



Northwestern president Dr. Robert Alost (left) and Dr. James Haley, new vice president of university affairs, clean furniture in campus dormitories in preparation for the opening of the fall semester.

## Scholarships Help To Increase On-Campus Housing in Dormitories

Two hundred eighty-seven incoming freshmen at Northwestern State University have been awarded \$850 Superintendent's Freshman Residential Scholarships, which enable them to live in dormitories on the NSU main campus during their first year of college studies.

Only recent high school graduates who had a composite score of at least 16 on the American College Test were eligible for the residential scholarships.

Gail Jones, recruiter and counselor for the Admissions Office at NSU, said the 287 students had an average ACT score of 20.16, which is considerably higher than the state average of 16 and also higher than the national average of 19. One hundred ninety-four, or 67.6 percent, of the scholarship recipients scored higher than the national average on the ACT.

Northwestern president Dr. Robert Alost initiated the pilot program the first week in July in an effort to attract quality students to live in university residence halls during the fall and spring semesters of their freshman year at NSU.

The success of the Superintendent's Freshman Residential Scholarship program is one of the reasons on-campus housing has increased this year on the main campus in Natchitoches. For the 1986 fall term, NSU has 1,243 dormitory residents compared to 1,165

for the 1985 fall semester. That number could increase, because late registration is continuing.

"We feel very good about the 287 scholarships that were awarded, especially when it is considered that we had less than eight weeks to promote the program statewide to parents and students and then go through the process of making the awards," said Mrs. Jones. "The response that we have received regarding the program has been excellent. Many parents from across the state have inquired about the residential scholarships."

Soon after Alost announced the establishment of the program, special teams of Northwestern faculty-staff members and students, alumni and townspeople visited parishes statewide to meet with parish school superintendents, alumni representatives, high school graduates and their parents to explain the new residential scholarship program.

The goal of the program was to recruit new students to live in university dormitories for the fall semester. "The important thing is that these scholarships were awarded to high school graduates who had not planned to enroll at NSU. This program helped to change their minds," Mrs. Jones said.

For further information on the Superintendent's Freshman Residential Scholarships, call Director of Admissions and Recruiting, (318) 357-5964.

## Home Economics Alumni Luncheon Reservation Form

The Northwestern Department of Home Economics invites former students, faculty members and department chairmen to attend its 75th anniversary observance on Saturday, Nov. 8. Former department heads who will be returning include Dr. Marie Dunn, Mrs. Ruby Dunkelmann, Miss Minnie Lee Odom and Dr. Cecile Mielenz. They will join many former faculty members like Mary Ether Roberson, who taught clothing; Betty Virginia Johnson, well-known teacher of foods and nutrition; Margaret Ackel, for many years a professor of home management and housing, and Sadie Thomas, former director of the Child Development Center. Several of the department's former students, faculty members and department chairmen will appear on the luncheon program Saturday to share their experiences at Northwestern. Luncheon tickets are \$12 per person, and reservations must be made by completing and returning the form below:

November 8, 1986

\$12.00 per person

12:00 Noon

Student Union Ballroom

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Maiden First

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will attend and enclosed is my \$12.00

☐ I will not attend

Please return to:

Department of Home Economics

Northwestern State University

Natchitoches, LA. 71457

P.S. A tour of the Department will be conducted after the luncheon.

## Phi Mu Reunion Form

The Phi Mu Reunion is scheduled to coincide with Homecoming on Nov. 7-9. Activities include a picnic at the Phi Mu House at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8; attend the game and sit together Saturday night; and a brunch Sunday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. at Lasyone's. Families are invited to Saturday's activities, but the brunch will be for women only with a short recognition and rededication ceremony. If you plan to attend the reunion please complete the form below.

**RETURN TO: P.O. Box 3492, NSU, Natchitoches, LA 71497. For more information call me at (318) 352-1824 after 5:30 p.m.**

☐ I plan to attend the reunion. Enclosed is my \$5 deposit with the balance due by September 5, 1986. Also enclosed is my completed questionnaire.

☐ I plan to attend the reunion. Enclosed is my \$30 (\$20 for singles) payment in full along with my completed questionnaire.

☐ I won't be able to attend the reunion, but please send me a Reunion Booklet. Enclosed is \$5 to cover production and postage and my completed questionnaire.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Maiden Married Husband's First

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Pledging Fall 19\_\_\_\_ Spring\_\_\_\_ Chapter (if not KJ)\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_

Big Sister(a) \_\_\_\_\_

Little Sister(a) \_\_\_\_\_

What I'm up to - (Please include your children's names and ages, employment, honors, travel, involvement in civic activities, etc. Brag on yourself!) Please also include a special Phi Mu Memory.





**Mike Townsend of Natchitoches** is a freshman music education major at NSU this fall. Preceding him at NSU were his father, Robert Townsend, 1964-68, history; mother, Mickie Varnado Townsend, 1964-68, sociology, and 1981, student personnel services; grandmother, Inez McGhee Townsend, 1937-41, English education and library science; grandfather, Eldrege Townsend, 1935-36, accounting; great-grandmother, Daisy Griffith McGhee, 1910, two-year teaching; great aunt, Viola Varnado Milton, 1927, two-year teaching; cousin, Dean Edward Varnado, 1899, history, former history teacher and NSU's first dean of women; great aunt, Hazel McGhee Sledge, 1933-38, home economics education; aunt Wanda Townsend Matessino, 1972, computer science, and aunt, Patricia Townsend Addison, 1969-71, primary education.

## State Fair Weekend Events Announced

The 72nd State Fair Classic between Northwestern and Louisiana Tech is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. in Shreveport's Independence Stadium.

A complete weekend of activities is planned, and the NSU Alumni Association and Demon Booster Club encourage all alumni and former students to be a part of these events.

Pre-game and post-game activities for State Fair Weekend will be held at the Bossier Hilton Hotel, where registration will be conducted from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, in the hotel lobby.

Friday night's activities include Attitude Adjustment at 7 p.m., Spirit

Dinner at 8 p.m., and Dance at 9 p.m. The cost for the Spirit Dinner is \$20 per person.

Saturday events include the Alumni Racquet Ball Tournament at Sports City at 9 a.m., for which the fee is \$15 per person, the Poolside Party at 4 p.m. and bus ride to Independence Stadium at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the game are \$10 per person, while admission to the post-game dance is \$10 per person.

Room rates for the weekend at the Bossier Hilton are \$35 for single occupancy, \$40 for double, \$45 for triple and \$50 for quad. Room reservations and tickets to all events will be handled through the Office of External Affairs at Northwestern, (318) 357-4414.

## NSU Grad Is Aide To President Reagan

Maj. Ronald D. Thomas, a 1972 Distinguished Military Graduate of Northwestern State University, has been selected as the Army aide to President Ronald Reagan.

Maj. Thomas assumed his duties on May 19th and will be responsible for

accompanying the president on trips throughout the United States and abroad and will serve as liaison, facilitating actions between the Army and the White House staff. His assignment as aide to the president will be for a two-year period.

Maj. Thomas has been assigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, KS, the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea, the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO, and the 3rd Infantry Division in the Federal Republic of Germany where he was an Attack Helicopter Company Commander.

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## NSU Invites Alumni To Natchitoches Pilgrimage

The 32nd annual Tour of Historic Homes and Plantations in the Cane River Country and Natchitoches, La., will be presented Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11-12, by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches.

For the third year, visitors will have a choice of three distinct tours — the Town Tour in the Natchitoches Historic Landmark District and the Cane River Country Tour on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Candlelight Tour through the Natchitoches Historic Landmark District Sunday evening from 7 to 10 p.m.

For advance tour tickers or additional information on Natchitoches Fall Pilgrimage, call (318) 357-8072 or 352-4411, or write A.P.H.N., P.O. Box 2248, Natchitoches, La. 71457.



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James A. Davis  
Jerry Dawson  
Richard DeVargas  
Shelly Dickie  
Danny Dixon  
Bill Dodd  
George Doherty  
Connie Dove  
Ben Duhan  
Avery J. East  
Terry E. Edwards  
Bruce Eichler  
Leonard Endris  
James Enloe  
Jack Eversull  
Leroy Eversull  
Kelvin Fee  
Gary Fields  
Jack Fisher  
Jerry Lynn Fleming  
Mike Ford  
Jerry Fowler  
Edgar Gaddis  
Coley Gahagan  
Mike Gallien  
George Gardiner  
John Garland  
Steve Gaspard  
Marshal Gates  
John Gilmer  
Mackie Gomez  
Danny Gour  
Glenn B. Greene  
Leonard Grems  
Warren Griffith  
Richard Guidroz  
H.C. Haile  
William C. Haile  
Don E. Hargis  
Ray Hargis  
Ellis Harlan  
Jolly Harper  
Eric R. Hartington  
Mike Harter  
Camille Hawthorne  
W.E. Hayes  
Earl Haynes  
Bobby Hebert  
Michael Henry  
Ron Herrera  
Bruce Hilderbrand  
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Jerry Hodnett  
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Don Kelly  
Paul Keyser, Jr.  
Arnold Kilpatrick  
Joel Kilpatrick  
Don KINGSLEY  
Gene Knecht, Jr.  
Robbie Sue Knighton  
LaParade Construction, Arlee LaPrade  
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Earl Larrier  
Al W. LeGrand  
Jimmy Leach  
Ted Ledet  
Walter P. Leder  
Judy & Bill Leslie  
Jerry Lewallen  
Deacon Lewis  
Leonard J. Lewis  
William Long  
Floyd Lopes  
Marcelle Lorio  
Samuel Love  
A.N. Maggio  
Henry Maggio  
Al Mathews  
John E. McKellar  
Douglas McLaren  
James McNew  
Wayne Meaux  
J.T. Melancon  
James Moduette

Guilliam Moore  
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Pat Nation  
Gene Newman  
Charles Orzechoskie  
Glenn R. Owers  
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Dan Poole  
James Poole  
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Mike Ratcliff  
John Roach  
J.E. Robeau, Jr.  
James Rockhold  
Linda Rollins  
Lee Romine  
Sam Rubin, Jr.  
Ben H. Rushing, Jr.  
Sabine Bank & Trust Co., Don Zick  
Robert L. Salim  
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Wilburn Slack  
Leonard Smith  
Pat Smith  
Teddy Speir  
David Stamey  
Vic Stelly  
Edward Stewart  
R.J. Stoker  
Elam Stokes  
Thomas Straughan  
Leary Taylor  
James Thomas  
Robert Voorhees  
Jerome Waincho  
Randall A. Wiggins  
Stacy R. Williams  
Richard B. Williams  
Roger Williams  
Stuart Wright  
Julius Yellott  
Chris Baird  
Tynes Hildebrand  
John Plunkert  
Varsity Club (250-499)  
John P. Anderson  
DeWitt Boory  
Jack O. Brittain, Jr.  
Stan Gallien  
Opal M. Gaspard  
Carl P. Henry, Jr.  
Frank S. Hines  
Jack Huckahy  
Stan Lee  
Bryant Lewis  
Bill Loftin  
Lott Oil Company, Inc., Luther Lott  
Robert W. Manning, Jr.  
Wayne Martin  
Ronnie Norris  
Dean Nugent  
Sammy J. Odum  
David Stewart  
Charles Taylor  
Michael J. Wilburn  
John Luster  
J.M. Goodman  
Elise James  
Roland Hudson  
Gerald F. Thomas, Jr.  
Dr. John Sandifer  
Pat Todd  
Vernice Wright  
Dr. Jack Gamble  
David Carter  
People's State Bank-Many  
Reba B. Strickland  
Purple and White Club (500-999)  
Edwin Dunahoe  
James Patterson  
Alvin L. Smith, Jr.  
Mark Wells  
Trans La Gas  
People's Bank  
S.T. Sibley, III  
University Pharmacy  
Scholarship Club (1,500-2,499)  
Jack Brittain  
Murphy P. Rogers  
Natchitoches Beverage  
Grand Demon Club (1,000-1,499)  
Exchange Bank  
Walter Giller, Jr.



# The Demons In 1986 And Key Players To Keep Your Eye On

*Editor's Note: This column was written in early August. Because of the early press run for the Alumni Columns, a review of the football team's first few games is not able to be presented.*

Northwestern State head coach Sam Goodwin feels that the Northwestern State club that takes the field this year will be a better one than left it in 1985. Just how much better depends on a few factors, not the least of which is the performance of several key individuals.

Defensively, NSU has abandoned the 4-4-3 defense it had used during the first three years of the Goodwin regime. But employment of the new 4-3-4 has meant some personnel changes, the results of which will be seen as the season develops. The defensive line welcomes back three of four starters from a year ago with the fourth member of that 1985 group, tackle Russ Robinson, ready to go as a second teamer.

Leon Carr is back at one tackle slot, while anchoring the defensive end positions are two year starter John Kulakowski and sophomore Charles McDuffie. Cal Banks steps in for Robinson, who missed all of Spring practice because he was attending the NSU Nursing School in Shreveport. Kulakowski is the heart and soul of the Demon defense, recording 85 tackles with three quarterback sacks and a fumble recovery last year. McDuffie showed enough promise in the Spring and in limited action last year to warrant a starting position in only his second year. Carr had a productive 67 tackles season and Banks saw action in all 11 contests.

Mark Newstrom will provide back-up strength at one defensive end, and look for Robinson, Henry Sibley and Mitch Rowe all to see substantial playing time along the defensive line this year.

The NSU linebacking corps are probably the team's strongest area. James Hall has been shifted from one defensive end spot to middle linebacker, where it is hoped that his speed and big play ability will be fully utilized. J.T. Fenceroy, who came on strong last year and led the state of Louisiana in total tackles (170), will team with another outside 'backer, three year letterwinner Anthony Jackson, to give the Demons one of, if not the most, formidable threesomes in the Gulf Star. Back-ups Sydney Thissel and Freddie Wallace could probably start for a lot of teams, but will have to be content with back up roles in 1986, though both will see action aplenty.

While linebacking is NSU's strength, the biggest question mark is the team's defensive backfield. Not coincidentally, it is also the area of the season's biggest experiment, as Odessa Turner, a two-time first team Gulf Star Conference selection as a wide receiver, will now be tackling receivers instead of trying to avoid them. No. 17 will be lining up as a free safety.

Kevin Lewis, whom Goodwin thinks can be better than former NSU

All-America Michael "Red" Richardson, is entrenched at one cornerback, flanked by redshirt Freshman Randy Hilliard. DeShon Jenkins, who was a guard for the NSU basketball team three years ago, is now the starting roverback in the Northwestern secondary.

Goodwin thinks that this group can be a "good" one, but nothing like the dominating defense which led the nation's I-AA school's in scoring defense two seasons ago. The talent is there, but the question is: How long will it take this foursome to come together and perform as a unit?

On the other side of the line, there is another very large question: Who will quarterback NSU in 1986? Randy Slack, untested a year ago but impressive in Spring workouts, is number one on the depth chart. Rob Fabrizio, inconsistent in his two years as a back-up quarterback, had a miserable Spring after his shoulder was operated on following the 1985 season. One of these two must emerge and have a great — not just a good — season. Top performances out of the quarterback position a year ago were few and far between and the need for a successful signal caller this time around is crucial.

The NSU offensive line, a week link a year ago, is bolstered by the return of all five starters, plus back-ups Robbie Martin at tackle and Patrick Turner at center. Turner was a starter for the first seven games last year until becoming injured. The returnees include tackles Brett Blaisdell and David Colson, guards Armour Bryant and Keith Childress, and center Jeff Steers.

Tight end was strengthened with the transfer of Orlan Lockhardt into the NSU program after Southeastern Louisiana eliminated the sport. Carl Preston, a starter in his first year at NSU, is listed as a second stringer now but will see plenty of playing time.

It doesn't figure that Goodwin would have moved Odessa Turner to the defensive secondary if the Demon wide receiving troops weren't strong enough to survive without him. Floyd Turner and Gerard Henry will start, both having lettered last year while catching 21 passes between themselves. Chris Morris and Jim Bob Taylor are the backups. Goodwin is very high on Taylor, who has finally put his academic problems behind him and will suit up for the first time this September.

Once again, the NSU running attack will center around John Stephens, perhaps the finest runner in Louisiana and one of the better backs in the entire South. With 4.46 speed in the 40 yard dash and the ability to bench press 410 pounds, the 1,000 yard back can run through you or around you, depending on his choice. Stephens caught 20 passes coming out of the backfield last year and is a very legitimate All-America candidate in 1986.

Last year, Stephens became tired after lugging the ball close to twenty times per game. If that happens this

year, he'll be spelled by speedy Al Edwards, a member of the NSU track team who went to the Junior Nationals last Spring in the 100 meter dash.

Ron Haggerty is one of a bevy of NSU fullbacks, Mike O'Neal and Orlando Thrash being the other two. All will share playing time, though Haggerty gets the nod as the starter.

As far as the kicking game goes, NSU has last year's first team punter (Mike Crow) and first team placekicker (Keith Hodnett) back, along with Jay Roy Mount to kick-off. Not much else needs to be said of that department, except that the Demons led all I-AA schools in net punting in 1985.

Goodwin knows that the season's first two games — against Arkansas State and McNeese State (both on the road) could very well hold the keys to his team's season. For the second straight year, Northwestern State hosts but four games in Turpin Stadium, thus making it increasingly important to win on the road.

Sept. 13 Gulf Star player of the week J.T. Fenceroy.



QUARTERBACK RUSTY SLACK



LINEBACKER J.T. FENCEROY

PUTTING OPPONENTS THROUGH THE WRINGER

AND HANGING THEM OUT TO DRY

THE 1986 DEMONS

Anything and everything you ever wanted to know about the 1986 Northwestern State Football Demons can now be yours as the team's 1985 media guide is being made available on a limited basis. Cost for the 80 page book, which includes biographical sketches on all coaches and players along with other features such as roster, trivia and Demon record book, is just \$5.00 (price includes first class mailing). Income collected from the sale of the guides will be used to supplement future sports brochures at NSU. Make checks payable to: Informational Services, Northwestern State University. Mail checks and request to: Informational Services, Northwestern State University, Prather Coliseum, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497.



# Greg Burke Named To Position Of Executive Director, Demon Booster Club

Greg Burke, former sports information director at Hiram College (Hiram, Ohio) and for the past year an intern in the Northwestern State athletic department, has been named to a newly created fundraising position at NSU, it was announced by Demon Athletic Director Tynes Hildebrand. Burke's official title will be executive director of the Northwestern State Demon Booster Club.

"Since he began his duties here back in August, Greg has showed an ability to work very well with people on a daily basis and he is an excellent choice for this position," commented Hildebrand. "He will work on raising money for all sports and has gained much experience in that area during his internship. His sports information background will obviously aid him in the public relations aspects of the job. We are very fortunate to have him on board."

Other members of the NSU athletic family were equally satisfied with Burke's appointment. Current NSU Booster Club President Lane Miller said that "the main thing is to get us in touch with our Alumni that we've lost over the years. Greg has a lot of different ideas and will implement programs that will help us in that area."

Elise James, past president of the NSU Booster Club who works in Northwestern's Alumni Office, stated that "our Booster Club has grown so much in the past few years that we can no longer rely on volunteer assistance as we have in the past. Greg is going to



GREG BURKE

be a very vital part of the Booster Club, Burke, 29, commented that "I've enjoyed the people and my time spent here and am looking to continue both of those relationships. Although my job title indicates that I'll be seeking financial support for NSU, I also want to attract more support in terms of getting more people involved in NSU athletics. The financial end of our situation will improve when the overall support improves."

"Athletics are not the most important thing on campus, but I feel that they go a long way towards drawing students and bringing attention from the news media into focus. That is something that we definitely need."

Burke is from Alliance, Ohio and graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in Journalism from Mount Union in 1978.



The Demon Booster Club will be running a three month raffle campaign to help raise money for the athletic department scholarship fund, which was sliced by approximately \$100,000 this year. The drawing for the 1987 GMC 2-wheel drive Jimmy S-15 will be on Christmas Festival Day (December 6). The vehicle, having just rolled off of the assembly line at the GM plant in Shreveport, was handed over to the Booster Club on September 5. Shown with the Jimmy are (from left): Dave Michaels, Plant Manager; his administrative assistant, Rita Carrier; Greg Burke, Executive Director of the Demon Booster Club; Julian Foy from the Mike Pearson Motor Company in Many, where the vehicle was purchased; and Shreveport area Booster Club members Mike Wilburn and Dean Clark.

## Volleyball Spikers Take To The Court

Northwestern State's women's volleyball team is hoping that the slogan "what a difference a year makes" takes on some added significance in 1986. After going 15-16 last year with basically a freshman team, the Lady Demons are hoping to top the .500 mark in overall winning percentage while improving their 1-4 Gulf Star Conference mark of a year ago.

Returnees from last year include out-

side hitters Paula Blanks and Annie Bloxson, middle outside hitter Dawn Carlos and setter-hitter Colette Jones. Blanks had a team-leading 206 kills last year and Bloxson led the Lady Demons in serve percentage.

Carlos, also a Lady Demon softball player, had 25 blocks and Jones led the club in assists with 254. Other returnees include Freshman Tonya Champagne, Sonja Dale and Kristen Gerhauser and senior Wendy Zucconi.

## Harriers Hit 86 X-Country Trail

Both the Demon and Lady Demon cross country programs will be strong in 1986. Whether or not both will be able to compete against Gulf Star Conference kingpins Southwest Texas State and Stephen F. Austin remains to be seen.

Coach Leon Johnson welcomes back six returning letterman as the Demons try and improve on last year's third place finish in the GSC. Russell Duty, a senior from Alto, Texas, will provide leadership as he tries for his fourth cross country letter. Junior Ronald Wilkins, who finished tops among all Demons in three different

races a year ago, also returns. Sophomore returning letterwinners include Buzzy Crenshaw, Mark Spikes, Joe English and Marvin Lyons.

The Lady Demons are only in their second year of having a cross country program. Taking that fact into consideration, it's amazing that they finished as high (third) in the standings a year ago as they did. Credit assistant coach Steve Thomas, who this year will have returners Missy Landreneau, Suzanne Person, Marion Chamberlin, Mary Simmons and Darlene Edwards back.

The harriers schedule October 13 NSU Invitational.

NSU Demon and Lady Demon Basketball season tickets on sale now by calling (318) 357-5251.

### LADY DEMONS 1986 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Sept. 12-13	Southern Arkansas Touranment
Sept. 20	McNeese State
Sept. 23	Louisiana Tech
Sept. 26	University of Arkansas-Little Rock
Oct. 7	Southern University
Oct. 9	Stephen F. Austin
Oct. 11	McNeese State
Oct. 15	Louisiana Tech
Oct. 20	University of Arkansas-Little Rock
Oct. 23	Southern University
Oct. 28	Northeast Louisiana
Oct. 31-Nov. 31	USL Tournament
Nov. 5	Northeast Louisiana
Nov. 7	Stephen F. Austin
Nov. 13	Southeastern Louisiana
Nov. 17-18	Gulf Star Conference Tournament

### 1986 Cross Country Schedule Men and Women

DATE	MEET	SITE
Sept. 22	McNeese Invitational	Lake Charles
Sept. 27	Louisiana Tech Invitational	Ruston
Oct. 4	USL Invitational	Lafayette
OCT. 13	NORTHWESTERN STATE CLASSIC	NATCHITOCHES
Oct. 18	LA. X-Country Championships	Baton Rouge
Nov. 3	GSC Championships	Hammond
Nov. 15	NCAA Regionals — District 6	Georgetown, TX



# Demons Bank On Successful 1985-86 For Profitable '86-87

Cautious optimism is probably the best two word term that sums up the feeling about Northwestern State basketball as the Demons head into their 73rd season of stepping on and off basketball courts. With four starters and a total of eight letterman returning, along with four recruits and three giants that were redshirted a year ago, it's easy to see why optimistic feeling exists. But coach Don Beasley has seen his share of talent over the years and, while confident that his second NSU team can develop into a winner, he's not about to let up on the approach that brought a slight smell of sweet success to Natchitoches last year.

NSU returns three starters who averaged in double figures a year ago. Victor Willis, the effortless guard, sank 15.6 points per game last year, including a stunning 36 points (18 of 23 from the floor) against NCAA playoff qualifier Alabama. Joining him out front is steady point guard Freeman Williams.

The Demon front line, without a doubt the club's strong suit this year, has the other two returning double figure scorers in Gerald Bush (13.7 ppg) and George Jones (12.8 ppg). Bush, in his first season at NSU, led the club in rebounds (5.4 rpg) and was the team's leading rebounder on ten occasions. Jones, whose scoring and rebounding performances slipped from his freshman year when he was the Gulf Star Conference's Freshman of the Year, was still very effective from in close as his 62.8 percent field goal percentage suggests.

Patrick Wesley, who often exploded on the court last year, will be ready for more playing time in 1986-87 after averaging 18 minutes per contest a year ago. A 4.3 ppg scorer, Wesley often showed a flair for the spectacular, lead-

ing the Demons in slam dunks.

Darren Melancon, after sitting out 1985-86 as a medical redshirt, proved effective in a few outings a year ago and, after spending the summer on a weight program, could become a factor underneath. His 6-9 height makes him an ideal choice to help out at center in the not-so-tall Gulf Star.

Northwestern State had to obtain three extra large redshirts a year ago because the players they sat down were all of the extra large variety. Johnny Smith, a 6-10 center who saw action at the University of Georgia two years ago, will be ready to roll when the opening tip goes up November 29 vs. Wiley College. He is the team's projected starting center. Becoming eligible for the LSU tournament December 19 and 20 are 6-7 forward Terrence "Bo" Rayford and 6-8 DeWayne Turner. Freshman recruit Alan Howell could supply some long distance firepower off the NSU bench and fellow recruit Terry Harris of Presscott, Arkansas will add to the stiff competition.

Assisting in the backcourt will be two of Beasley's recruits. Corrie Stewart, a 6-1 flash who was rated one of the top guard prospects in the state of Georgia during his senior year last season, will compete with 6-3 DeWayne Watkins for playing time at guard. Watkins was the leader of a Hiwassee (TN) Junior College team that won the Tennessee Junior College State Championship.

NSU will compete against teams that competed in national post-season playoffs a year ago, most notably Northeast Louisiana (NCAA's), Sam Houston State (NCAA's) and NIT participants McNeese State and Lamar.



Patrick Wesley to Earth: DUNK!

## Emmons To Guide Diamond Demons

Johnnie Emmons has been appointed as head baseball coach at Northwestern State University. Emmons, 57, is not a stranger to NSU athletics, having served at the school in various coaching positions for the past 17 years.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Emmons said. "I think it's important first of all to compliment (former baseball) coach Herbie Smith. Anytime you win over 300 games, I feel you've accomplished something." Smith was reassigned to the physical education department as one of the many personnel reassignments made by new NSU President Dr. Robert A. Alost.

In 1971, Emmons was enshrined into the Northwestern State Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame.

The native of Mansfield played semi-pro baseball during the summers from 1950 through 1952 for Bernice of the old Big 8 league. He took over the managerial reigns in time for the 1953 season.

Emmons began his coaching career at Northwestern State as a football assistant in 1969. During the next five years, the Demons never had a losing record while compiling an overall slate of 34-14-1. Emmons tutored the Demon offensive backs.

It was also in 1969 that Emmons was handed the men's tennis coaching job



JOHNNIE EMMONS

at NSU, though he knew nothing about the sport. Before it was dropped last month, men's tennis had become the most successful sport in the history of men's athletics at Northwestern.

Emmons has always enforced discipline, and is recognized as a motivator. "I believe in hard work, and you can't win without discipline. I want to instill confidence in my players so that when they go out to perform they don't have to worry about making errors. What they have to do will come naturally.

Emmons will have Scott Mendez, as graduate assistant who played in the Red Sox organization and has spent the past year as a high school coach in Florida.

## Northwestern State University 1986 Men's Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Nov. 29	WILEY COLLEGE	NATCHITOCHES
Dec. 1	Cenitany College	Shreveport
Dec. 2	EAST TEXAS STATE	NATCHITOCHES
Dec. 5-6	Rice Tournament	Houston, TX
	NSU vs. Texas Southern	
Dec. 8	UT-SAN ANTONIO vs. Rice	
Dec. 13	University of Texas	Austin, TX
Dec. 19-20	Northeast Louisiana	Monroe
	LSU Tournament	Baton Rouge
	NSU vs. New Orleans	
	LSU vs. Hardin-Simmons	
Jan. 3	East Texas State	Commerce, TX
Jan. 6	Lamar	Beaumont, TX
Jan. 10	ARKANSAS BAPTIST	NATCHITOCHES
Jan. 14	McNeese State	Lake Charles
Jan. 17	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	NATCHITOCHES
Jan. 19	Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, TX
Jan. 21	SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	NATCHITOCHES
Jan. 24	SAM HOUSTON STATE	NATCHITOCHES
Jan. 26	SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	NATCHITOCHES
Jan. 31	Nicholls State	Thibodaux
Feb. 2	Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond
Feb. 7	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	NATCHITOCHES
Feb. 9	CENTENARY	NATCHITOCHES
Feb. 11	MCNEESE STATE	NATCHITOCHES
Feb. 14	NICHOLLS STATE	NATCHITOCHES
Feb. 16	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	NATCHITOCHES
Feb. 21	Sam Houston State	Huntsville, TX
Feb. 23	Southwest Texas State	San Marcos, TX
Feb. 25	Southern University	Baton Rouge



# Seniors Lead 86-87 NSU Lady Demons

Age and experience will definitely be served up by Northwestern State's Lady Demons in 1986-87 as three returning senior starters head up what figures to be yet another successful season for head coach Pat Pierson. Add to those three the return of junior forward Linda Grayson and the run and gun spirit offered by senior point guard Kristy Harris, along with an experienced bench, and it's easy to see why NSU has an excellent shot at recording its eighth straight winning season.

Annie Harris, a first team all-Louisiana selection last year, enters her final season as one of the most dominant women to ever slip inside an NSU jersey. Last year's top scorer and second leading rebounder, Harris proved to be a clutch player, as evidenced by her 35 point effort in the upset win over Northeast Louisiana and her ten foot baselines swish in the semi-finals of the Women's National Invitational Tournament against Duke. Her return assures NSU at least 16.3 points per game and 6.5 rebounds.

Sandy Pugh, who clocked in with a 14.7 points per game average a year ago with 6.2 rebounds, will see time at both the shooting guard slot and forward position she ran at last year. An exceptional outside shooter who isn't afraid to mix it up underneath, Pugh and Harris were high school teammates and will be playing basketball on the same team for what will be the sixth straight year.

Clara Jean Davis, NSU's top rebounder in 1985-86, gives the Lady Demons a blue collar effort in the paint and has showed the ability to score points when needed. Her 7.1 rebounds per game figure surpass her 6.5 scoring average.

There is good news and bad news surrounding Kristy Harris in her new role as a starter. The bad news is that NSU's depth off the bench will be shallow. The good news is that Number 12 in there, opponents won't have time to catch their breath. Harris displayed poise and an ability to play under control last year and will be in full control of team tempo this year.

Grayson, a medical redshirt last year, is welcomed back with open arms. If she is able to return to her 1984-85 averages of 17.5 ppg and 9.2 rpg, then NSU has a potentially devastating front line.

Three returning letterwinners and two freshman make up the rest of the Lady Demon squad. Michelle Efferson will give Kirsty Harris some rest and Monica Lee has shown ability for a quick fix in the scoring department off the bench. Lori Martin saw enough action off the bench last year to contribute solidly as a back-up forward in 1986-87.

Northwestern State's two freshman who should see some playing time include 6-1 Missy Cathey and 5-10 Tee Holden.

A third straight Gulf Star Conference championship is just one of the goals set this season for NSU, which has been the dominant team in the league during its first two years of existence. A return to post-season play-offs on the national level is another standard.

The Lady Demons will appear in three different tournaments this season, opening with the LSU Invitational on November 28-29. The third annual Lady Demon Christmas Classic and University of Nevada-Reno tournaments are also on the 1986-87 slate.



All-American candidate Annie Harris

## Men's Tennis Program Defaults To Budget Cuts

There isn't a men's tennis program at Northwestern State anymore. Budget cuts at NSU have served to default one of the most successful programs in school history. For coach Johnnie Emmons, there will be many memories to be savored.

"When I was hired at NSU in January of 1969, the understanding with (then Demon football coach) Glenn Gossett was that I'd be involved with football and football only (as an offensive coordinator). Well, at a conference meeting in the Spring of 1970 coach Grossett told me that since I was the newest member of the staff, that also made me the new tennis coach."

"Never having been involved in tennis, it was quite a challenge. My first team in 1970 consisted of one scholarship, and that was used by two players — Jim Genovese and Robert Solina — and the rest of the roster was made up of volunteers — Felix Thomas, who was a student, basketball players Butch Hildebrand and Jerry Masters and Richard Ware, who was a star football player."

The 1972 team featured Carlos Blanco. The Bolivian native would be the first in a long line of foreign tennis players to attend NSU, bringing the Demons one of the strongest programs in all of Louisiana.

Many recruits and three years later, NSU became a force to be reckoned with, winning the school's first conference championship (Gulf South) and fashioning a 23-4 record. With Freshman NAIA all-American Gregg Manning leading the way, NSU lost just four matches over the next three years after going 24-1 in 1976, 22-1 in 1977 and 16-2 in 1978.

Ricardo Acuna was NSU's first NCAA All-American and never lost to a Louisiana opponent during his career. He is a professional tennis player now and is currently ranked 47th in the world.

A new wave of players made their appearance in the early 80's, bringing with them the same amount of success that had become a tradition seemingly overnight. That winning edge supplied for years by players like Danny Lovo,

## Northwestern State University 1986-87 Lady Demon Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Nov. 28-29	LSU Tournament NSU vs. North Carolina LSU vs. Drake LAMAR	Baton Rouge
Dec. 2 Dec. 5-6	Lady Demon X-Mas Classic NSU vs. La. College Southern Miss. vs. Arkansas Baptist	NATCHITOCHES Natchitoches
Dec. 13 Dec. 15 Dec. 18	Arkansas Baptist UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA University of Florida	Little Rock, AR NATCHITOCHES Gainesville, FLA
Jan. 2-3 Jan. 14 Jan. 19 Jan. 21 Jan. 24 Jan. 26 Jan. 28	Univ. of Reno Tournament Northeast Louisiana Stephen F. Austin GRAMBLING STATE SAM HOUSTON STATE SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE TEXAS SOUTHERN	Reno, NV Monroe Natchitoches, TX NATCHITOCHES NATCHITOCHES NATCHITOCHES NATCHITOCHES
Feb. 2 Feb. 5 Feb. 7 Feb. 11 Feb. 14 Feb. 16 Feb. 21 Feb. 23 Feb. 28	Southeastern Louisiana ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK STEPHEN F. AUSTIN Grambling State NICHOLLS STATE SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA Sam Houston State Southwest Texas State Lamar	Hammond NATCHITOCHES NATCHITOCHES Grambling NATCHITOCHES NATCHITOCHES Huntsville, TX San Marcos, TX Beaumont, TX

Hugo Molina, Oriol Vega and Francisco Acuna had continued up until the last group of Demons, among them Axel Reich, Claudio Semmelman, Ricardo Horman and Nicolas Zurmendi, swung a racket.

That last group had the makings of another dynasty, posting a 13-4 mark last Spring with four freshman in the line-up. NSU took second place in the Gulf Star Conference four the second straight year and most certainly would have been the favorite to capture the 1987 title.

Emmons is most proud of the fact that his teams had just two losing seasons in 17 years. They gave the Alumni of Northwestern a winning program and one that could be identified with."

Emmons will be trying to land his players from this past season into scholarships at other schools in the upcoming months.

It is unfortunate that these current day players couldn't have continued their educations under Emmons, who's proved for the past 17 years that he could coach with the best of them.



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# ALUMNI COLUMNS

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Fall 1986

**ALUMNI INFORMATION UPDATE  
HELP US KEEP YOU INFORMED!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
NSU Curriculum \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Organizations involved with at NSU \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Employed By \_\_\_\_\_  
Title and/or Duties \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Single \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ NSU Graduate \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Please change my address to that above \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
If college age, where attending college? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Please send admissions information from NSU  
☐ Please send Financial Aid information from NSU  
Send Information To: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send me information about The Following:**

— Alumni Chapter in my area	— Matching Gift Program	— 1987 NSU Demon Days
— Information on Caldwell	— 1987 Natchitoches Folk Festival July 17-19	Rodeo March 13-15
— Centennial Gifts	— Noble Morrison Endowment	— 32nd Annual Tour of Historic Homes and Plantations, Oct. 11 & 12.
— "Charitable Giving Through Life Insurance"	Comments for Alumni News	
— Natchitoches Christmas Festival, Dec. 6		
— Joseph W. Johnson Fund For Excellence in Business		
— Demon Booster Club		



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